

PORTLAND CAPITALISTS BEHIND INDUSTRY Seeking to Interest Local Men of Means in Putting in Plant in Victoria.

Mr. Moore, a wholesale lumber and coal merchant of Portland, Oregon, is in the city Friday endeavoring to interest Portlanders in the establishment here of a smelting works for the extraction of gold from ore by the cyanide process.

Mr. Moore's company claims that fine grinding means both greater and quicker extraction of values. Some ores require to be ground finer than others, and the finer grinding produces high percentage of slimes which carry large part of the values.

Mr. Moore said that he was on his way to Vancouver last evening and in anticipation of staying over in Victoria until he met some friends who induced him to remain in this city for a day or so and see what could be done here.

Ben C. Nicholas JOINING CIVIL SERVICE He Leaves For Ottawa To-Morrow Evening to Enter the Department of Inland Revenue.

Ben C. Nicholas, city editor of the Times, leaves to-morrow evening for Ottawa where he will enter the civil service in the department of inland revenue, to the headship of which Hon. Wm. Templeman has recently been called.

Two Superintendents Are in the City-General Business. A party of C. P. R. officials came over from the mainland on Thursday and registered at the Driad. They are western division of the road, C. E. Cartwright, R. R. Jamieson, general superintendent at Calgary, Mrs. Jamieson, Mrs. Lougheed, Miss Jamieson and Mr. Marpole's secretary, R. W. Brean.

WHALES HAVE RETURNED. Sulphur Bottoms Are Being Caught—Ore From New Strike Arrives on Queen City.

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The Queen City brought from Treku ten tons of ore from the new strike made on the June group. This ore is said to be very rich and a great deal will depend on the value obtained from it. The ore is being shipped to the Crofton smelter.

Another interesting piece of information brought from the coast is the report that the company building the big single mill at Mosquito Harbor, Clayoquot, is losing its time in making ready for its plant. Loggers are at work getting out timber. There are several engines in the woods and the scene of activity in the particular locality is very brisk one.

On the last trip of the Queen City eleven men were sent down to the camp, and on the next voyage it is said 45 more will leave for the same point. The company's wharf at Mosquito harbor there are 300 tons of machinery ready to be installed in position once the new buildings for accommodation of the same are completed.

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Resolved, that Mrs. Brown be informed that the board regrets that her son was under suspicion in connection with the loss of Miss Pope's watch, and further, that after a full investigation of all the circumstances, they consider that the principal and the staff of the Victoria West school acted with proper discretion in the matter in question.

THE HERRING FISHERIES. What an Authority Has to Say as to This Industry on Pacific Coast.

Last summer Victoria was visited by George Bain, editor of the Nairnshire Telegraph, Scotland, whose mission to this country was to inquire into the fisheries. Mr. Bain spent some time on the Atlantic coast before coming west, and while here told of the successful experiments then being conducted on the Atlantic coast by John Cowie, who was invited to this country by the Dominion government to demonstrate the Scotch method of herring curing.

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THE BRITANNIA MINES. Working Force at Howe Sound Properties Is Being Increased.

That the increased development scheme for the Britannia mines, announced some weeks ago by George H. Robinson, managing director, is being rapidly put into effect, is evidenced by the fact that the working force at the big Howe Sound mine is being steadily increased.

THE CANADIAN BIBLE SOCIETY. Annual Meeting of RIBE SOCIETY.

Rev. S. J. Thompson, and seconded by Mr. George Carter. It was as follows: "That we express thanks to Almighty God for the open door now to almost every country for the extension of the Gospel, for the steady increase, year by year, of the territory in which the British and Foreign Bible Society is sowing the seed of the kingdom, for the federation of all the auxiliaries in the Dominion into the Canadian Bible Society, and we hereby recommend to the general board the appointing as soon as possible of a district secretary for this, the fifth district, British Columbia and Alberta, so that the work of the society may be more thoroughly organized here, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the general board."

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